

DSCP-MSBA (Medical Packaging)

DSCP Medical's unitization requirements are based on the guidance provided via DLAI 4145.12, The DLA Packaging Program, which requires that:

1. Cargo will be unitized to the maximum extent practical, generally following the criteria of MIL-HDBK-774, Palletized Unit Loads, using the standard warehousing and shipping pallet, 4-way entry, 40 x 48 inch, nonreversible, winged. Pallets should conform to ASME MH1.8, Pallet, Material Handling, Wood, Stringer Construction, 2-way and 4-way (partial), either soft-wood (preferred) or hardwood. Maximum weight of the load is 3,000 pounds. Maximum height will follow the criteria of MIL-HDBK-774, and no unitized load will exceed 54 inches in height.
2. Materiel will be unitized to the extent practical at the time of acquisition, and will be shipped in a unitized mode whenever possible.

The unitization requirements are specified in the clear in all DSCP Medical acquisitions, both military and commercial. The unitization table also includes the following:

1. Applicable levels of preservation and packing (i.e., packaging – commercial or military, and packing – commercial, Level A, or Level B) specific to the item in question.
2. Certification Requirement for Non-Manufactured Wood Packing Materials (NMWPM), which became effective 1 October 2001. Currently, shipments packed in/on NMWPM and destined for delivery to one of the member states of the European Union are affected by this requirement. This includes all shipments, whether sent directly to the customer, or through a Defense Depot or other consolidation point.

See the attachment for the current DSCP Medical unitization requirements.

1 Attachment

PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

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CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR NON-
MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING MATERIAL (NMWPM)

APPLICABLE TO ALL COMMERCIAL/GOVERNMENT
EXPORT SHIPMENTS OF SUPPLIES PACKED
IN/ON NMWPM AND DESTINED FOR DELIVERY TO
EUROPE ON/AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2001, EITHER
DIRECTLY TO THE CUSTOMER OR THROUGH A
DEFENSE DEPOT OR OTHER CONSOLIDATION
POINT.

ALL WOODEN PALLETS AND WOODEN CONTAINERS
PRODUCED ENTIRELY OR IN PART OF
NON-MANUFACTURED SOFTWOOD SPECIES SHALL
BE CONSTRUCTED FROM HEAT-TREATED (HT TO
56 DEGREES CENTIGRADE FOR 30 MINUTES)
CONIFEROUS MATERIAL AND CERTIFIED
ACCORDINGLY BY AN ACCREDITED AGENCY
RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARDS
COMMITTEE (ALSC), IN ACCORDANCE WITH
NON-MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING POLICY AND
NON-MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING ENFORCEMENT
REGULATIONS BOTH DATED MAY 30, 2001.

ALL WOODEN PALLETS AND WOODEN CONTAINERS
PRODUCED ENTIRELY OF NON-MANUFACTURED
HARDWOOD SPECIES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY A
PERMANENT MARKING OF "NC", 1.25 INCHES OR
GREATER IN HEIGHT, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CAGE
CODE OF THE CONTRACTED MANUFACTURER AND THE
MONTH AND YEAR OF THE CONTRACT. ON PALLETS,
THE MARKING SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE STRINGER
OR BLOCK ON OPPOSITE SIDES AND ENDS OF THE
PALLET AND SHALL BE CONTRASTING AND CLEARLY
VISIBLE. ON CONTAINERS, THE MARKING SHALL
BE APPLIED ON A SIDE OTHER THAN THE TOP OR
BOTTOM, AND SHALL BE CONTRASTING AND CLEARLY
VISIBLE.

ALL NMWPM MUST BE MARKED AS INDICATED.
FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REFUSAL,
DESTRUCTION OR TREATMENT OF MATERIAL AT
THE POINT OF ENTRY, THUS HINDERING SUPPLY
SUPPORT.

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PACKAGING AND PACKING SHALL BE

***(As applicable, levels of packaging (commercial/
military) and packing (commercial/A/B) are stated
here.)***

AS SPECIFIED IN THE PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT.

UNITIZED LOADS COMMENSURATE WITH THE LEVEL OF PACKING SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT OR ORDER SHALL BE USED WHENEVER TOTAL QUANTITY FOR SHIPMENT TO ONE DESTINATION EXCEEDS 250 LBS (EXCLUDING THE PALLET) OR 20 CU FT. LOADS SHALL BE UNITIZED ON TYPE IV OR TYPE V 4-WAY ENTRY PALLETS. PALLET SHALL HAVE A LENGTH OF 40 INCHES AND A WIDTH OF 48 INCHES. PALLET LOAD, INCLUDING THE PALLET, SHALL NOT EXCEED 54 INCHES IN HEIGHT, 43 INCHES IN LENGTH AND 52 INCHES IN WIDTH.

QUANTITY FOR SHIPMENT TO ONE DESTINATION OF LESS THAN 250 LBS OR 20 CUBIC FEET NEED NOT BE PALLETIZED.

EXCEPTIONS:

A SINGLE MEDICAL ITEM HAVING A HEIGHT OF 48 INCHES OR GREATER:

IF A PROPERLY PALLETIZED LOAD (EQUIPMENT ITEM AND PALLET) EXCEEDS 54 INCHES IN HEIGHT, HEIGHT LIMITATION NEED NOT BE ADHERED TO.

A SINGLE MEDICAL ITEM HAVING DIMENSIONS EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM PALLET LOAD LENGTH AND/OR WIDTH DIMENSIONS:

IF A SINGLE ITEM EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM PALLET LOAD DIMENSIONS, LENGTH AND WIDTH LIMITATIONS NEED NOT BE ADHERED TO. CONTACT THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.

NOTE: THE PALLETIZATION STANDARD, MIL-STD-147D, HAS BEEN REDESIGNATED AS A PALLETIZATION HANDBOOK, MIL-HDBK-774 DATED 25 MARCH 1996. THEREFORE, THIS DOCUMENT MAY NO LONGER BE CITED AS A REQUIREMENT; IT IS NOW USED FOR GUIDANCE PURPOSES ONLY. THE ONLY PHYSICAL CHANGE TO THE DOCUMENT IS THE COVER SHEET DESIGNATING IT AS A HANDBOOK. THEREFORE, IF YOU HAVE A COPY OF MIL-STD-147D ON HAND, YOU MAY USE IT FOR GUIDANCE WHEN PALLETIZING YOUR SHIPMENTS. COPIES OF MIL-HDBK-774 MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DOCUMENT AUTOMATION AND PRODUCTION SERVICE (DAPS), BLDG 4D (NPM-DODSSP), 700 ROBBINS AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19111-5094.